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Thx much for the update Carmen. Please keep us informed. Judith- let us know if you need any background info and/or talking pts

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On Nov 26, 2016, at 8:36 AM, Guerrero, Carmen <guerrero.carmen@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Judith!

The Peñuelas and Humacao landfills are managed by EC Waste landfill and both comply with RCRA. EQB provided permits to both landfills to receive coal ash.

**From:** Enck, Judith  
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Tx Carmen. I am generally familiar with the issue as we had concerns about the aes coal ash being spread all over the island under a beneficial use determination (bud) that eqb has since rescinded. This is largely now an eqb issue and we would not take a position on the legislation. What private company owns the puenillas landfill? Dore, is this landfill authorized to accept coal ash? Tx

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On Nov 26, 2016, at 7:54 AM, Guerrero, Carmen <guerrero.carmen@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear Judith...

Hope you are enjoying your Thanksgiving weekend. I wanted to give you an update regarding the situation of the rising opposition to the disposal of AES ashes at the Peñuelas and Humacao EZ Waste Landfills.

Just yesterday, more than 2,000 protesters gathered in front of the Peñuelas landfill to block the entrance of trucks with AES ashes into the landfill. This has been occurring during the last week and two days ago, Maria de Lourdes Santiago, Senator and governor candidate for the PR Independence Party, was arrested among other 40 activists during a sit down demonstration. Major Carmen Yulin and numerous professional associations, NGOs, and environmental entities joined the civil disobedience efforts yesterday. On Monday, the demonstration will be shifted to San Juan, where they are planning a rally in front of Fortaleza at 4 pm to claim that Governor Alejandro Garcia Padilla adds a draft legislation prohibiting the disposal of AES ashes in Puerto Rico during the Legislature's extraordinary session, which is currently running until the second week of December.

Without a doubt, this will be an issue that will be brought to our attention during press events in Puerto Rico. In addition, we should be prepared for potential demonstrations at the Recycling Summit.

Last night, I received various petitions from the press to provide general comments on the Peñuelas situation. Please advice on what should be EPA's response to these petitions.

Mil gracias,  
Carmen

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